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In re Application of

Yasuhiro KUWAHARA, et

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE **OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application dated December 5, 2000, submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

- 1. Declaration and Power of Attorney (which is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63)
- 2. Statutory Basic filing fee of \$710.00
- 3. Late Filing Fee Surcharge of \$130.00
- 4. English translation of specification and drawings and late filing surcharge of \$130.00
- 5. Additional claim fee of \$296.00
- 6. Assignment
- 7. Certified Priority Document
- 8. Preliminary Amendment
- 9. Request for Corrected Filing Receipt

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Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Attached is a copy of the Filing Receipt received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application. Please correct the filing receipt to reflect 4 independent claims and 32 total claims. It is requested that a corrected filing receipt be issued.

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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
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 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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Image processing method and image processing apparatus

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